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1) X Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>Jun</u>	28, 2000					
2a) This action is <b>FINAL.</b> 2b) X Th	his action is	non-final.				
3) Since this application is in condition for allowated and accordance with the practice under a second					the merits is	
Disposition of Claims						
4) X Claim(s) <u>1-7</u>			is/	are pending	in the application.	
4a) Of the above, claim(s)			is/	are withdrav	vn from consideratio	
5) Claim(s)				is/are allo	owed.	
6) Claim(s)	is/are rejected.					
	is/are objected to.					
8) X Claims 1-7						
Application Papers						
9) The specification is objected to by the Examir	ner.					
10) The drawing(s) filed on	_ is/are obj	ected to by the	e Examiner.			
11) The proposed drawing correction filed on		is: a)	approved	b) disapp	roved.	
12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the	Examiner.					
<ul> <li>Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119</li> <li>13) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for fore</li> <li>a) All b) Some* c) None of:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority document</li> </ul>	ts have bee	en received.		с. Х.		
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3 Copies of the certified copies of the pric application from the Internationa *See the attached detailed Office action for a list	l Bureau (P	CT Rule 17.2(	a)).	this Nationa	i Stage	
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Attachment(s)						
15: X Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	18)	Interview Summar	y (PTO-413) Paper	No(s).		
<ul> <li>16 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)</li> </ul>	19)		Patent Application			
17: Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No.s)	201	Other				

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

## Election/Restriction

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Claims 1-6, drawn to a contact pesticidal composition for the control of mites, comprising, in admixture with an acceptable carrier, at least one plant essential oil compound or derivative thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 725.
- II. Claim 7, drawn to a method for controlling mites in stored food products, classified in class 426, subclass 321.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons: Inventions I and II are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case, the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product, for example, Krenzer et al. (US Patent #3,720,684) teaches thiadiazoles which are used in a method for the control of mites in stored plant products.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for one Group is not required for another Group, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: the distinct ingredients of Claim 3, and the distinct ingredients of Claim 6.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7 are generic.

Applicant is advised that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the Application/Control Number: 09/604,803 Art Unit: 1651

examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

6. A telephone call was made to William F. Gadiano on April 30, 2001 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michele Flood whose telephone number is (703) 308-9432.

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April 30, 2001